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REMARKS

A. Restriction of Claims

In the present Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims to Group I, which includes claims 1-5 and Group II, which includes claim 6.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-5 and traverses the restriction requirement with respect to Group II, which corresponds to claims 6.

With respect to the restriction of Group II, Applicant respectfully submit that the subject matters of the claims of Group I and Group II are sufficiently interrelated that similar technology class/sub-classes need to be searched for each set of claims. For example, both independent claim 1 of Group I and independent claim 6 of Group II include the following limitations: a cleaning cartridge having a chamber, a cleaning solution, and an absorbent pad; and a holding plate or fixture. The Examiner would not be unduly burdened evaluating all claims at the same time.

For the reasons stated in the preceding paragraph, reconsideration of the restriction requirement and consideration of all pending claims on their merits is respectfully requested. If, however, the restriction requirement is maintained, Applicant confirms the provisional election of Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-5.

B. Summary

In the present Office Action, no claims were substantively examined and the Examiner restricted the claims to Groups I and II.

Group I has been provisionally elected. Claims 1-5 are presented for further examination. No new matter has been added.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the application and the Examiner is respectfully requested to take such proper actions so that a patent will issue herefrom as soon as possible.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes that a discussion with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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